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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Columbia, S. C., June, 1988

To His Excellency, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Governor, and the General Assembly
of the State of South Carolina:

In accordance with law, we are privileged to submit to you the fifteenth
Annual Report of the State Election Commission. This report contains
registration and election statistics, data on special elections and other
information as required.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Tyrone Gilmore, Chairman
Sylvia Schwartz
Neal D. Thigpen
Margaret S. Townsend
C. D. Sexton

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HISTORY OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

The State Election Commission became a separate state agency on January 1, 1969. It had formerly functioned as a division of the office of Secretary of State. It was the feeling of the General Assembly that voter registration and the administration of elections were matters that should be removed from possible influence of partisan, elected officials and placed under the custody of a non-elected bipartisan board of commission. By the law which created the Election Commission, it was required that the Commission be composed of at least one member of the majority political party represented in the General Assembly and at least one member of the largest minority political party represented in the General Assembly.

The State Election Commission operates under authority granted by 1968 Act No. 955, which is codified as Title 7, Section 3-10 et. seq., of the 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

I. ADMINISTRATION

The functions of the Election Commission are administered as a five-member commission, which meets monthly in Columbia, and by an executive director who is the chief administrative officer of the agency. Policy, procedures and rules governing the various functions of the Commission are set by the election commissioners and carried out by the executive director. The executive director employs and maintains a competent working staff to assist him in carrying out his duties. During statewide general election years, it is necessary to employ additional personnel in order to carry out the increased responsibilities of the Election Commission at that time.

The Election Commission also considers and recommends changes in the Registration and Election laws to the General Assembly.

II. CENTRAL VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The Election Commission is the coordinating center of South Carolina's computerized system of voter registration. All forty-six (46) counties report new registrations and registration changes to the Central Office, where a computer file is build and from which are printed new lists of registered voters for every election that is held in the State: statewide, countywide, municipal or other. This system is responsible for removing from the rolls of voters those persons who have dies, moved, been convicted of certain crimes or otherwise become ineligible as electors.

In this regard, reports must be obtained from other federal, state and local agencies and compared with the computer files. Detailed records and statistics are maintained on the number of registered voters in each county and precinct of South Carolina. Biannually, voters who have failed to vote in at least one election in a two year period are removed from the list of active voters and placed in an inactive file.

Nineteen counties have direct access to the Central Registration files to allow for input of new voters and also to allow status checks for voters who could have registered in another county. This process has performed well during the short time of use. The counties have found the direct link useful and time saving in the printing and distributing of voter registration notification material.

All forms and materials used for voter registration by the Central Office and the County Boards of Registration are printed and paid for by the Election Commission. The Central Office also provides, as a public service, the sale of precinct lists of registered voters at a reasonable cost to any registered elector.

III. AID TO COUNTIES

The Election Commission is charged by law with the responsibility of disbursing, to all counties, a state supplemental appropriation to aid in keeping the Board of Registration office open during normal courthouse hours. The amount received by the counties is based upon their respective populations.

IV. ELECTIONS

A. Office of Elections

The State Election Commission is the chief election officer for the conduct of general and special elections.

This office prints and distributes for statewide general election and countywide special elections all ballots, forms and other materials necessary to conduct such elections for Presidential Electors, State Officers, United States Senators, Members of Congress and Constitutional Amendments.

B. State Board of Canvassers

After the conclusion of state and county general elections, the five commissioners of the Election Commission act as the State Board of Canvassers. The Board certified the results of elections and hears appeals and protests arising in such elections.

C. Educational Services

The State Election Commission conducts a comprehensive training program for election workers throughout South Carolina on a continuing basis and provides needed information to members of the public concerning election procedures in their State. A variety of election statistics regarding South Carolina's elections are also compiled and available upon requests of interested individuals.

Educational Services conducted a statewide training program for poll managers working in the General Election. This program was aired to the Managers at selected sites throughout the State via the Educational Television Network's closed circuit lines. Special telephone lines and talkback facilities provided by ETV were utilized to answer any manager's questions on the air. Almost all of the managers working in the General Election took part in this training program.

Charleston, Cherokee, Horry, Richland, Spartanburg, Beaufort, Aiken, Anderson, Greenville and Sumter counties continue to implement their in-county poll manager training programs. It is hoped that other counties will begin year round training in the near future.

D. Electronic Voting System

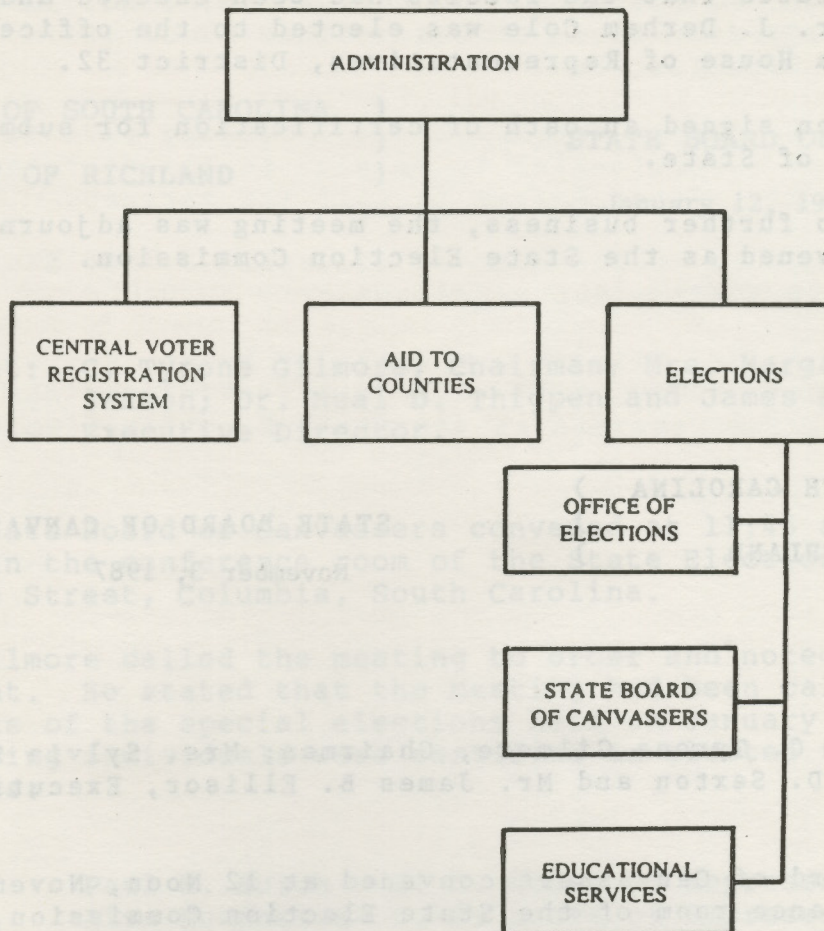
The State Election Commission maintains the software and programs the voting machines used by twelve counties in the state to conduct elections at all levels of government. We provide proper security and protection to assure the machines used and the programs that produce the election results are free from tampering and fraud. All ballots for the machines are produced in the Commission's office and approved by the Director or Assistant Director.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

1987 - 1988

I.	Administration	\$ 293,983
II.	Central Voting Registration System	830,394
III.	Elections	235,939
IV.	Employee Benefits	73,094
	TOTAL	\$ 1,433,410

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

September 8, 1987

Present: Mr. C. Tyrone Gilmore, Chairman; Dr. Neal Thigpen; Mr. C. D. Sexton; Mr. James F. Hendrix, Assistant Director and Mr. Conway Belangia, SEC Public Information Officer.

The State Board of Canvassers met Tuesday, September 8, 1987, at 12 noon in the conference room of the State Election Commission, 2221 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Gilmore called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Gilmore stated that the purpose of the meeting was to certify the results of the September 1, 1987 election held in Spartanburg County. He stated that the results had been checked and found correct and Mr. J. Derham Cole was elected to the office of the South Carolina House of Representatives, District 32.

Canvassers then signed an oath of certification for submission to the Secretary of State.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the members reconvened as the State Election Commission.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

November 3, 1987

Present: Mr. C. Tyrone Gilmore, Chairman; Mrs. Sylvia Schwartz; Mr. C. D. Sexton and Mr. James B. Ellisor, Executive Director.

The State Board of Canvassers convened at 12 Noon, November 3, 1987 in the conference room of the State Election Commission, 2221 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Gilmore called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present. He stated that the meeting had been called to canvass results of the special election held on October 27, 1987, in Spartanburg County for the office of South Carolina State House of Representatives, District 35.

The members then canvassed the results and finding them in order, certified the votes as follows;

Steve Lanford 2,224
Danny R. Smith 1,466

The Canvassers signed a letter of certification to be sent to the Secretary of State.

There being no further business to be discussed by the State Board of Canvassers, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Sexton, the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers was adjourned and the members went back into session as the State Election Commission.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

January 12, 1988

Present: C. Tyrone Gilmore, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Townsend; C. D. Sexton; Dr. Neal D. Thigpen and James B. Ellisor, Executive Director.

The State Board of Canvassers convened at 11:45 a.m., January 12, 1988 in the conference room of the State Election Commission, 2221 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Gilmore called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present. He stated that the meeting had been called to canvass results of the special elections held on January 5, 1988. The following individuals were certified as elected to their respective offices:

Paul M. Burch - S. C. House of Representatives, Dist 51
Alva Humphries- S. C. House of Representatives, Dist 71

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Sexton, the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers was adjourned and the members went back into session as the State Election Commission.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

June 21, 1988

Present: C. Tyrone Gilmore, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Townsend; C. D. Sexton and James B. Ellis, Executive Director.

The State Board of Canvassers convened at 10:45 a.m., June 21, 1988 in the conference room of the State Election Commission, 2221 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Gilmore called the meeting to order and noted a quorum was present. He stated that the meeting had been called to canvass results of the special election held on June 14, 1988, in Richland County for the office of South Carolina State House of Representatives, District 75.

The members then canvassed the results and finding them in order, signed a letter of certification to be sent to the Secretary of State certifying Mrs. Candy Waites to fill the vacancy.

There being no further business to be discussed by the State Board of Canvassers, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon motion made by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Sexton, the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers was adjourned and the members went back into session as the State Election Commission.

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 13
SEPTEMBER 1, 1987
SPARTANBURG COUNTY

PRECINCT	Wesley A. Stoddard (D)	J. Derham Cole (R)
Cherokee Springs	125	54
Drayton	58	27
Ward 1 Box 4	168	421
Ward 1 Box 5	333	357
Ward 3 Box 1	359	526
Ward 3 Box 2 Sta A	232	163
Ward 4 Box 2	58	22
Whitney Sta A-1	118	96
Whitney Sta A-2	107	77
Absentees	25	70
Challenges	0	1
COUNTY TOTALS	1,583	1,814

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 35
OCTOBER 27, 1987
SPARTANBURG COUNTY

PRECINCT	Danny R. Smith (D)	Steve Lanford (R)
Woodruff #2	123	280
Bishop	169	111
Canaan	35	93
Cavins-Hobbsville	55	92
Crescent	53	148
Cross Anchor	90	79
DeYoung	24	15
Fairmont	83	94
Moore-Switzer	58	120
Pelham	12	11
Poplar Springs	46	143
Reidville	101	124
Walnut Grove	117	170
Woodruff #1	291	370
Woodruff #3	76	181
Absentees	14	12
Challenges	0	0
Enoree	119	181
COUNTY TOTALS	1,466	2,224

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 51
JANUARY 5, 1988
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

PRECINCT	Paul M. Burch (D)	Dwight R. Johnson (R)
Angelus Catarrh	37	60
Black Creek	20	10
Center Grove	35	15
Cross Roads	22	17
Dudley	75	9
Jefferson	182	153
Mangum	14	18
Mt. Croghan	84	16
Pageland	567	191
Ruby	74	13
Wexford	29	13
White Oak	4	0
Winzo	60	15
Absentee	2	4
COUNTY TOTALS	1,205	534

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 51
JANUARY 5, 1988
KERSHAW COUNTY

PRECINCT	Paul M. Burch (D)	Dwight R. Johnson (R)
Airport	20	34
Antioch	4	4
Bethune	119	61
Buffalo	50	45
Cassatt	46	17
Gates Ford	13	32
Malvern Hill	41	24
Westville	10	5
Whites Gardens	51	18
Absentee	0	1
COUNTY TOTALS	354	241

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 51
JANUARY 5, 1988
LANCASTER COUNTY

COUNTY	Paul M. Burch (D)	Dwight R. Johnson (R)
Absentee	0	0
Kershaw No. 1	0	0
Kershaw No. 2	30	30
Three C's	14	41
COUNTY TOTALS	44	71

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 51
JANUARY 5, 1988
DISTRICT TOTALS

COUNTY	Paul M. Burch (D)	Dwight R. Johnson (R)
Chesterfield	1,205	534
Kershaw	354	241
Lancaster	44	71
DISTRICT TOTALS	1,603	846

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 71
JANUARY 5, 1988
RICHLAND COUNTY

PRECINCT	Brett Bursey (D)	Alva Humphries (R)
Ballentine	33	300
New Friarsgate	45	166
Old Friarsgate	36	175
Harbison	101	173
Kingswood	78	195
Springville	38	329
Walden	93	118
Whitewell	70	162
Absentee	0	3
COUNTY TOTALS	494	1,621

SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 75
JUNE 14, 1988
RICHLAND COUNTY

PRECINCT	Candy Waites (D)	Ray Rossi (R)
Ward 1	136	138
Ward 9	250	11
Ward 11	144	142
Ward 12	263	265
Ward 13	208	390
Ward 14	216	370
Ward 15	32	8
Ward 23	76	19
Ward 33	250	34
Hampton	124	257
Absentee	43	45
Challenge	0	0
COUNTY TOTALS	1,742	1,679

STATE COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS AND TRAINING AIDS

1. Registration and Election Laws of South Carolina.
2. Booklet entitled "Poll Manager's Handbook for Conduct of General Elections" (published each even-numbered election year in September or October).
3. Annual Report.
4. Periodic brochures, pamphlets and statistical data for the public on voter registration and election procedures and the number of registered voters in the State.
5. Statistical data on voter turnout for every election held in South Carolina is available for public inspection at the office of the State Election Commission. This data includes the number of registered voters and the number who actually voted broken down by race and sex.
6. "Selected Legal Opinions and Correspondence" was prepared to be used by the County Board of Voter Registration. The booklet outlines certain procedures to be followed by the Boards when certain problem situations arise in registration. It will be updated periodically.
7. "Manual of Instruction for Voter Registration" was prepared for all members of the County Boards of Voter Registration. It outlines all clerical procedures to be followed for voter registration. This booklet will be updated periodically.
8. Training films, video and audio productions used to instruct election officials and provide information to the public concerning voter registration and election procedures.
9. Pamphlet entitled "Are You Eligible To Vote?" prepared for distribution to the general public. Contains useful information about registration and voting procedures in South Carolina.
10. Booklet entitled "What To Do If . . ." prepared to be used by poll workers and other election officials in helping to answer common election day problems.

